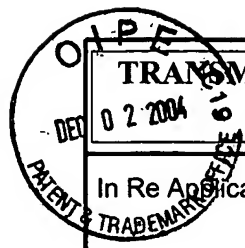


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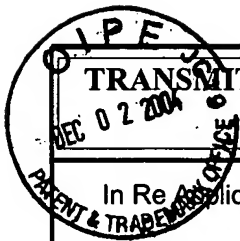
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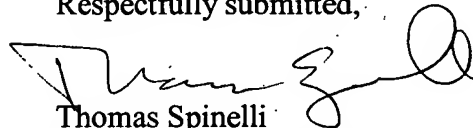

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3. United States Patent No. 4,590,367, issued to Ross et al., dated May 20, 1986;
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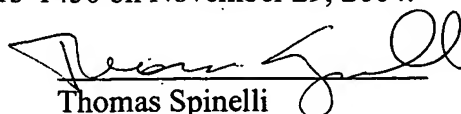
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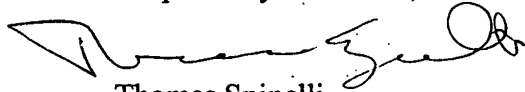
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